



## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

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## Legend: Taxpayer A = Plan B = IRA C = Bank D = Amount 1 = Amount 2 = Amount 3 = Amount 4 = Amount 5 = Amount 6 =

## Dear

This letter is in response to a request for a letter ruling, dated October 13, 2015, in which you request a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 402(c)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code"), regarding the distribution of Amount 1 from Plan C.

The following facts and representations have been submitted under penalty of perjury in support of the ruling requested.

Taxpayer A represents that she received a distribution of Amount 1 from Plan B. Taxpayers A asserts that her failure to accomplish a rollover of Amount 1, within the 60-day period prescribed by section 402(c)(3) was due to her medical condition and incarceration. Taxpayer A further represents that, with the exception of Amount 4, Amount 1 has not been used for any purpose.

Taxpayer A became divorced from her husband in August, 2014. Taxpayer A's divorce settlement provided that she would receive Amount 1, approximately 50% of her husband's account balance in the Plan B. On December 22, 2014, Taxpayer A received a disbursement of Amount 1 from Plan B. Federal Taxes of Amount 2 were withheld from Amount 1 resulting in a check for Amount 3. Taxpayer A's 60-day rollover period was December 22, 2014 to February 21, 2015. Taxpayer A used Amount 4 for the filing expense related to the waiver request. On May 6, 2015, Taxpayer A deposited Amount 5 into IRA C with Bank D.

Coinciding with the payment of Amount 1, Taxpayer A experienced a fragile mental state due to depression, injuries suffered in an automobile accident and excess alcohol. On six separate occasions between November, 2014 and January, 2015, Taxpayer A was hospitalized for severe depression and alcohol abuse. In addition, Taxpayer A committed a crime and was incarcerated for 6 days from January 7 through January 12, 2015. During the rollover period, she was unable to manage her financial affairs. After the rollover period, Taxpayer A is incarcerated for 90 more days beginning on February 24, 2015. The ruling request is accompanied by documentation of her medical problems and incarceration.

Based on the above facts and representations, you request that the Internal Revenue Service ("Service") waive the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 402(c)(3)(A) of the Code with respect to the distribution of Amount 6.

Section 402(c) of the Code provides that if any portion of the balance to the credit of an employee in a qualified trust is paid to the employee in an eligible rollover distribution, and the distributee transfers any portion of the property received in such distribution to an eligible retirement plan, and in the case of a distribution of property other than money, the amount so transferred consists of the property distributed, then such distribution (to the extent transferred) shall not be includible in gross income for the taxable year in which paid. Section 402(c)(3)(A) of the Code states that such rollover must be accomplished within 60 days following the day on which the distributee received the property. An individual retirement account (IRA) constitutes one form of eligible retirement plan.

Section 402(c)(4) of the Code provides that an eligible rollover distribution shall not include any distribution to the extent such distribution is required under section 401(a)(9).

Section 402(c)(3)(B) of the Code provides, in relevant part, that the Secretary may waive the 60-day requirement under section 402(c) of the Code where the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity or good conscience, including casualty, disaster, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the individual subject to such requirement. Only distributions that occurred after December 31, 2001, are eligible for the waiver under section 402(c)(3)(B) of the Code.

Rev. Proc. 2003-16, 2003-4 I.R.B. 359 (January 27, 2003) provides that in determining whether to grant a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement pursuant to sections 408(d)(3)(I) and 402(c)(3)(B) of the Code, the Service will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including: (1) errors committed by a financial institution; (2) inability to complete a rollover due to death, disability, hospitalization, incarceration, restrictions imposed by a foreign country or postal error; (3) the use of the amount distributed (for example, in the case of payment by check, whether the check was cashed); and (4) the time elapsed since the distribution occurred.

The information presented and the documentation submitted by Taxpayer A is consistent with her assertion that her failure to accomplish a timely rollover of Amount 6 was due to her medical problems and incarceration which interfered with the management of her financial affairs.

Therefore, pursuant to section 402(c)(3)(B) of the Code, the Service hereby waives the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount 6 from Plan C. Provided all other requirements of section 402(c)(3) of the Code, except the 60-day requirement, were met with respect to Taxpayer A's contribution of Amount 5 into IRA C on May 6, 2015, such contribution will be considered a rollover contribution within the meaning of section 402(c)(3) of the Code. In addition, Taxpayer A is granted a period of 60 days from the issuance of this letter ruling to transfer Amount 2 into a rollover IRA. Provided all other requirements of section 402(c) of the Code, except the 60-day requirement, are met with respect to such contribution, the contribution will be considered a rollover contribution within the meaning of section 402(c) of the Code.

This ruling does not authorize the rollover of amounts that are required to be distributed by section 401(a)(9) of the Code.

No opinion is expressed as to the tax treatment of the transaction described herein under the provisions of any other section of either the Code or regulations which may be applicable thereto.

This letter is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

If you wish to inquire about this ruling, please contact (I.D. # ), , at or ( )

Sincerely yours,

Manager

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